

South Dakota

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PORK PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, January 21, 2000 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 90.9 million pounds during December. This was up 7 percent from last month but down 10 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For December, beef, and sheep and lamb production were up from a year ago, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 370,400 head during December compared to 453,700 head last year. Average live weight was 264 pounds, which was up 3 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 368,400 head, which was comprised of 29,500 sows, and 338,900 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 26,800 head during December compared to 23,600 head last year. Average live weight was 1,380 pounds, which was up 107 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 24,100 head, which was comprised of 1,600 steers, 700 heifers, 18,200 cows, and 3,700 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,100 head during December compared to 200 head last year. Average live weight was 119 pounds, which was down 4 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,000 head of lambs and yearlings.

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